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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 17335

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, TH, US  
SUBJECT: RTG REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FOUR F5E AIRCRAFT

1. THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE PROPOSES INCREASING THE SIZE OF THEIR F5E/F SQUADRON TO 24 AIRCRAFT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH MORE EFFECTIVELY ITS ASSIGNED AIR DEFENSE ROLE. IN ORDER TO REACH THIS GOAL, THE RTG HAS REQUESTED AN LOA FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 F5E AIRCRAFT.

2. THE REQUEST SPECIFIES THAT THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE IN THE SAME CONFIGURATION AS THEIR PREVIOUS PURCHASES (PEACE ETERNAL I, II AND III) AND THAT DELIVERY SHOULD BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER APPROVAL OF THE LOA. THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE PURCHASED AS ATTRITION AIRCRAFT, AND THE RTG UNDERSTANDS THAT FUTURE SUPPORT MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SUPPLY SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS. THE RTG FURTHER REQUESTS THAT THE TOTAL CASE VALUE NOT EXCEED \$15 MILLION AND THAT THEY RECEIVE THE LOA NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER, 1978.

3. WE SUPPORT THIS REQUEST. AN INCREASE IN THE  
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SIZE OF THE SQUADRON WILL ALLOW FOR MORE EFFECTIVE AND COST-EFFICIENT AIR DEFENSE, AVOIDS PROLIFERATION OF NEW AIRCRAFT TYPES, AND PROVIDES A SYSTEM ALREADY IN USE BY THE THAI.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MOVING THIS REQUEST AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE INTO MILITARY CHANNELS AS UPCOMING

CONFIGURATION CHANGES IN THE F-5E WILL REQUIRE AN  
EARLY NEGOTIATION TO INSURE THAT THE THAI CAN PURCHASE  
AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE IDENTICAL IN ALL ASPECTS TO THOSE  
WHICH THEY ALREADY POSSESS.

5. THIS REQUEST DOES NOT RPT NOT RELATE TO THE SECOND SQUADRON OF  
F-5ES FOR WHICH THE RTG HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED P AND B. THE  
LOA REQUESTED BY THIS MESSAGE IS FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL  
AIRCRAFT FOR THE F-5E SQUADRON PRESENTLY BEING ACTIVATED.  
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